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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 17th April 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 17th April 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 214 carts of ragi and 36 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 256 carts of ragi and 34 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 75 to Rs. 82 per cart during the week against Rs. 74 to Rs. 82 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

Mysore City.—There was a heavy rainfall on the 11th instant.

Bangalore District.—Except in the taluks of Nelamangala, Hoskote and Devanhalli there has been some rainfall in the other taluks of the district ranging from 3 inches 6 cents at Kankanhalli to 5 cents at Dodballapur and Bangalore.

The standing crops, paddy and sugar-cane are in good condition and sugar-cane planting is going on. The food supply in the market is adequate. Though the prices are still very high there are signs of an improvement. At Magadi and Anekal the prices of ragi is quoted at 9½ seers a rupee and at Nelamangala 8½ seers. Elsewhere the quotation is 7 to 8 seers a rupee. Local rice sells at 3½ to 4¼ seers a rupee. Burma rice is sold at a large number of Co-operative Societies and arrangements have been made to sell the rice at Government and Municipal Depots.

Public health and condition of cattle continued to be good.

Mysore District.—No change. There have been some good mungar showers. Over 4 inches fell at Sivasamudram on the 13th instant.

Tumkur District.—No change in the situation and in the prices of staple food grains. Demand for Burma rice continues as before. Two hundred bags of rice were received recently for the Gubbi Depot. The stock in the Depots are sufficient for a month. The *Vaisakhi* paddy is being harvested in parts of the district.

Kolar District.—The situation continues unchanged. The demand for Burma rice in the Government Depots is still slack. The *Vaisakhi* paddy is being reaped.

Hassan District.—The *santes* are generally well supplied with rice and ragi. Export of paddy and rice from the santes in the district to Bangalore and other places still continues.

Standing crops, such as *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high, but the price of ragi shows a downward tendency.

Prospects are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no change in the food situation except that the prices of food grains have gone up slightly in some taluks.

Kadur District.—The supply of local rice was adequate in all the markets except that of Kadur where it was not sufficient to meet the demand, the result being that a demand for Burma rice has been felt. The prices of food stuffs continued to be high, and there appears to be no prospect of a change in the situation.

Chitaldrug District.—There is no material change in the food situation during this week. The markets are fairly well supplied but the prices of food grains still continue to be high. At the last santhe held in Chitaldrug town, rice and ragi were sold at $3\frac{3}{4}$ to 4 and 11 seers per rupee respectively.

There is sufficient stock of Burma rice in the Taluk Depots.

General (By Food Controller).—There was some rainfall in parts of Bangalore and and Mysore Districts. The standing crops such as sugar-cane and paddy are reported to be in good condition. In the Tumkur District the harvesting of the *Vaisakhi* paddy is reported to have commenced.

The markets throughout the State are reported to be fairly well supplied. The prices however still remain high, although in certain parts of Hassan, Chitaldrug, Bangalore, Shimoga and Kadur Districts there are indications of a slight fall in the prices of ragi and paddy.

Merchants are importing rice from the Madras Presidency without control. The grain market in the Bangalore City continues to be dull.

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